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SUBJECT: SOVIET AMBASSADOR DISCUSSES DISARMEMENT WITH ACTING
PRESIDENT

1. CHARGE'S MORNING APPOINTMENT OCT. 23 WITH ACTING
PRESIDENT ASAN MUSA CAMARA (TO DISCUSS BILATERAL MATTER)
WAS DELAYED TEN MINUTES BY EXTENDED
CALL OF SOVIET AMBASSADOR TER-GAZARIANTS (RESIDENT IN DAKAR)
ON GAMBIA'S ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE. CHARGE EXCHANGED BRIEF
GREETINGS WITH SOVIET AMB. AND HIS COUNSELOR WHO DEALS WITH
GAMBIAN AFFAIRS, KOTOV (ALSO
RESIDENT IN DAKAR), AS THEY EMERGED FROM CAMARA'S OFFICE.

2. BEFORE SUBJECT CHARGE'S VISIT RAISED, CAMARA DESCRIBED
HIS JUST CONCLUDED TALKS WITH TER-GAZARIANTS. SOVIETS HAD
ASKED FOR MEETING, TO DISCUSS VARIOUS
DISARMAMENT MATTERS. SOVIET ASKED GOTG SUPPORT FOR USSR'S
RESOLUTION BEFORE UNGA ON NON-USE OF FORCE. CAMARA SAID
GAMBIA FAVORED INITIATIVE, AS LONG AS IT WOULD NOT IMPEDE
ACTIVITIES OF SOUTHERN AFRICA FREEDOM FIGHTERS. AMBASSADOR
WAS CONCERNED WITH NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION PROBLEM. CAMARA
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RECALLED HE HAD TRAVELLED TO MOSCOW, AS FOREIGN MINISTER,

SEVERAL YEARS AGO TO SIGN NPT FOR GAMBIA. ACTING PRESIDENT LAMENTED SPREAD OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY, VOLUNTEERING THAT FRANCE WOULD SELL NUCLEAR PLANTS TO ANYONE WHO HAD MONEY--EVEN GAMBIA, HE JOKED. NOT CLEAR WHETHER SOVIETS SHARE HIS CONCERN ABOUT FRENCH NUCLEAR ROLE.

3. TER-GAZARIANTS EVIDENTLY SOUGHT GAMBIAN SUPPORT FOR GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT RESOLUTION, AS WELL AS PROPOSAL FOR SPECIFIC DISARMEMENT IN CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS. GAMBIA, ONE OF FEW COUNTRIES IN WORLD COMPLETELY LACKING MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT, COULD NOT HELP BUT AGREE IN PRINCIPLE.

4. SOVIET AMBASSADOR COMES INFREQUENTLY TO BANJUL. ALONG WITH DEMARCHES ON DISARMAMENT, HE PROBABLY ALSO WAS LAYING GROUNDWORK FOR SOVIET NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION, HELD ANNUALLY IN BANJUL SHORTLY AFTER NOVEMBER 7.
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